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## PREFACE.

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THE following compilation of Select Verses was originally intended for the Compiler's use alone; and has long existed in manuscript. Others also may, perhaps, occasionally find it a useful and pleasant companion. There are frequent seasons at which the mind prefers to dwell on some one subject of sacred meditation, or to surrender itself to some one solemn emotion, or to occupy itself wholly in praise, or wholly in prayer, or wholly in the contemplation of the Divine goodness and faithfulness; when, therefore, we would rather select our verses from the Bible than peruse its chapters continuously; when, out of the rich variety in that garden of God, we would cull such flowers only as harmonise with the prevailing tone and hue of our spirits. The following Select Verses have been arranged in clusters with

this intent; and, in order to carry out this design the more effectually, no verses have been admitted but such as are susceptible of an immediate personal application to the reader's own feelings and circumstances:—such flowers as the gracious and omniscient Creator may seem to have bidden to grow and flourish expressly *for him*, and for others who delight, as he does, in believing that what he finds in God's Word was *meant for him*, and planted in God's garden that *he* might find it there, and treasure it in his bosom.

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# SELECT VERSES FROM THE PSALMS,

FOR

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## *Morning and Evening.*

*Psalm v.* My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

*Psalm lix.* I will sing of Thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning: for Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

*Psalm lxiii.* O God, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee: my soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

To see Thy power and Thy glory, so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.

Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee.

Thus will I bless Thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in Thy Name.

10 BEFORE GOING TO GOD'S HOUSE OR ALTAR.

*Psalm cxix.* I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried : I hoped in Thy word.

*Psalm cxliii.* Cause me to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning ; for in Thee do I trust : cause me to know the way wherein I should walk ; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

*Psalm cxliii.* My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness : and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips.

*Psalm lxiii.* When I remember Thee upon my bed, and meditate on Thee in the night watches.

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*Before going to God's House or Altar.*

*Psalm xxvi.* I will wash mine hands in innocence : so will I compass Thine altar, O Lord.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.

*Psalm xlii.* As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God : when shall I come and appear before God ?

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me : for I had gone with the multitude, I

went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

*Psalm xliii.* O send out Thy light and Thy truth : let them lead me ; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy.

*Psalm lxxv.* Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causeth to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts : we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

*Psalm lxxvi.* Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God : let all that be round about Him bring presents unto Him that ought to be feared.

*Psalm lxxvii.* Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary : who is so great a God as our God ?

*Psalm lxxxiv.* How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts !

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they will still be praising Thee.

*Psalm cxxii.* I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.



*Psalm cxxiii.* Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes,  
O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

*Psalm cxxxviii.* I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy Name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy Name.

*Ecclesiastes, v.* Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools.

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

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*God seeth us.*

*Psalm xi.* The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men.

*Psalm cxxxix.* O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo,  
O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and  
laid Thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is  
high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? or whither  
shall I flee from Thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there;  
if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art  
there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell  
in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy  
right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me;  
even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but  
the night shineth as the day: the darkness and  
the light are both alike to Thee.

For Thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast  
covered me in my mother's womb.

*Proverbs*, xv. The eyes of the Lord are in  
every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Hell and destruction are before the Lord:  
how much more then the hearts of the children  
of men?

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*God's Hatred of Evil.*

*Psalm v.* For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with Thee.

*Psalm xi.* The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence His soul hateth.

Upon the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

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*God a Judge.*

*Psalm vii.* The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

If he turn not, He will whet His sword; He hath bent His bow, and made it ready.

He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; He ordaineth His arrows against the persecutors.

*Psalm ix.* He hath prepared His throne for judgment.

He shall judge the world in righteousness,  
He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

The Lord is known by the judgment which He executeth : the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Arise, O Lord ; let not man prevail : let the heathen be judged in Thy sight.

Put them in fear, O Lord ; that the nations may know themselves to be but men.

*Psalm lxxvi.* Thou, even Thou, art to be feared : and who may stand in Thy sight when once Thou art angry ?

*Psalm cxix.* Thou hast trodden down all them that err from Thy statutes : for their deceit is falsehood.

Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross : therefore I love Thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of Thee : and I am afraid of Thy judgments.

*Ecclesiastes, xi.* Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth ; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes ; but know thou,

that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

*Ecclesiastes*, xii. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

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### *Confession and Forgiveness.*

*Psalm* xxxii. I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

*Psalm* cxix. Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept Thy word.

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### *Fear of the Lord.*

*Proverbs*, i. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

*Proverbs*, xv. Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.

The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

*Proverbs*, xxiii. Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

*Ecclesiastes*, xii. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

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*All are Sinners.*

*Proverbs*, xx. Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

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*The Heart of Man.*

*Proverbs*, xiv. The heart knoweth his own bitterness: and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful ; and the end of that mirth is heaviness.

*Proverbs*, xii. Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop : but a good word maketh it glad.

*Proverbs*, xv. A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance : but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

*Proverbs*, xix. There are many devices in a man's heart ; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.

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*We are not our own.*

*Proverbs*, xvi. The Lord hath made all things for Himself : yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

The lot is cast into the lap ; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord.

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*Prayer for Help.*

*Psalms* iii. Arise, O Lord ; save me, O my God.

*Psalm iv.* Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness : Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress ; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

*Psalm v.* Give ear to my words, O Lord ; consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God : for unto Thee will I pray.

*Psalm xvii.* Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

Let my sentence come forth from Thy presence ; Thou hast proved mine heart ; Thou hast visited me in the night ; Thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing ; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

Hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

I have called upon thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God : incline Thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

*Psalm xxxi.* Bow down Thine ear to me ; deliver me speedily : be Thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

*Psalm liv.* Save me, O God, by Thy Name, and judge me by Thy strength.



Hear my prayer, O God ; give ear to the words of my mouth.

*Psalm lxi.* Hear my cry, O God ; attend unto my prayer.

*Psalm lxxi.* Deliver me in Thy righteousness, and cause me to escape : incline Thine ear unto me, and save me.

Cast me not off in the time of old age ; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

*Psalm lxxxvi.* Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me : for I am poor and needy.

O Thou my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord : for I cry unto Thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of Thy servant : for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer ; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

*Psalm cii.* Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto Thee.

Hide not Thy face from me in the day of my trouble ; incline Thine ear unto me : in the day when I call, answer me speedily.

*Psalm cxix.* Uphold me according unto Thy word, that I may live : and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto Thy statutes continually.

Be surety for Thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep Thy precepts.

I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep Thy statutes.

I cried unto Thee: save me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.

Hear my voice according unto Thy lovingkindness: O Lord, quicken me according to Thy judgment.

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget Thy law.

Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to Thy word.

Consider how I love Thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to Thy lovingkindness.

Let my supplication come before Thee: deliver me according to Thy word.

*Psalm cxli.* Lord, I cry unto Thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto Thee.

*Psalm cxliii.* Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in Thy faithfulness answer me, and in Thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake :  
for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of  
trouble.

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*Prayer for Guidance.*

*Psalm v.* Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness because of mine enemies ; make Thy way straight before my face.

*Psalm xxv.* Shew me Thy ways, O Lord ; teach me Thy paths.

Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me : for Thou art the God of my salvation ; on Thee do I wait all the day.

*Psalm xxvii.* Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

*Psalm xxxi.* For Thou art my rock and my fortress ; therefore for Thy Name's sake lead me, and guide me.

*Psalm cxix.* Blessed art Thou, O Lord : teach me Thy statutes.

Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth : hide not Thy commandments from me.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge : for I have believed Thy commandments.

Thou art good, and doest good ; teach me Thy statutes.

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me : give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

Let my heart be sound in Thy statutes ; that I be not ashamed.

Accept, I beseech Thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me Thy judgments.

Deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy, and teach me Thy statutes.

I am Thy servant ; give me understanding, that I may know Thy testimonies.

Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant ; and teach me Thy statutes.

The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting : give me understanding, and I shall live.

*Psalm cxxxix.* Search me, O God, and know my heart ; try me, and know my thoughts :

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

*Psalm cxli.* Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth ; keep the door of my lips.

Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity : and let me not eat of their dainties.

*Psalm cxliii.* Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning ; for in Thee do I trust : cause me to know the way wherein I should walk ; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Teach me to do Thy will ; for Thou art my God : Thy spirit is good ; lead me into the land of uprightness.

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*Prayer for Mercy and Pity.*

*Psalm vi.* O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord ; for I am weak : O Lord, heal me ; for my bones are vexed.

My soul is also sore vexed : but Thou, O Lord, how long ?

Return, O Lord, deliver my soul : oh save me for Thy mercies' sake.

For in death there is no remembrance of Thee : in the grave who shall give Thee thanks ?

*Psalm xxviii.* Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance : feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

*Psalm lxix.* Save me, O God ; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

Let not them that wait on Thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake : let not those

that seek Thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

But as for me, my prayer is unto Thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time : O God, in the multitude of Thy mercy hear me, in the truth of Thy salvation.

Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink : let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord ; for Thy lovingkindness is good : turn unto me according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies.

And hide not Thy face from Thy servant ; for I am in trouble : hear me speedily.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it : deliver me because of my enemies.

*Psalm lxx.* Make haste, O God, to deliver me ; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee : and let such as love Thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

But I am poor and needy : make haste unto me, O God : Thou art my help and my deliverer ; O Lord, make no tarrying.

*Psalm cxix.* Deal bountifully with Thy servant, that I may live, and keep Thy word.

Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept Thy testimonies.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken Thou me according to Thy word.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen Thou me according unto Thy word.

Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me Thy law graciously.

I have stuck unto Thy testimonies: O Lord, put me not to shame.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

Stablish Thy word unto Thy servant, who is devoted to Thy fear.

Turn away my reproach which I fear: for Thy judgments are good.

Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts: quicken me in Thy righteousness.

Let Thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord; even Thy salvation, according to Thy word.

So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in Thy word.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in Thy judgments.

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto Thy word.

Look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy Name.

Order my steps in Thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

*Prayer to be remembered.*

*Psalm xxv.* Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

*Psalm xxvii.* Hide not Thy face from me; put not Thy servant away in anger: Thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

*Psalm cvi.* Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people; O visit me with Thy salvation;

That I may see the good of Thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation, that I may glory with Thine inheritance.

*Psalm cxix.* Remember the word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.

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*Prayer to be delivered from Sin.*

*Psalm xix.* Who can understand his errors? cleanse Thou me from secret faults.



Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

*Psalm li.* Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness: hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways;  
and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

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*Answer to Prayer.*

*Psalm* iii. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill.

*Psalm* vi. The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.

*Psalm* l. Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

*Psalm* lxxvii. I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and He gave ear unto me.

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*Despondency relieved.*

*Psalm* xiii. How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily ? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me ?

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God : lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death ;

Lest mine enemy say I have prevailed against him ; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

But I have trusted in Thy mercy ; my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord, because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

*Psalm xxviii.* Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my rock ; be not silent to me : lest, if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications, when I lift up my hands toward Thy holy oracle.

Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts.

Blessed be the Lord, because He hath heard the voice of my supplications.

The Lord is my strength and my shield ; my heart trusteth in Him, and I am helped : therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth ; and with my song will I praise Him.

The Lord is their strength, and He is the saving strength of His anointed.

*Psalm xxxix.* Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not Thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with Thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

*Psalm xl.* I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

*Psalm cxvi.* The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and He helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

*Psalm cii.* O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: Thy years are throughout all generations.

Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed:

But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end.

The children of Thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before Thee.

*Psalm cxix.* My soul fainteth for Thy salvation: but I hope in Thy word.

Mine eyes fail for Thy word, saying, When wilt Thou comfort me ?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget Thy statutes.

How many are the days of Thy servant ? when wilt Thou execute judgment on them that persecute me ?

The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after Thy law.

All Thy commandments are faithful : they persecute me wrongfully ; help Thou me.

They had almost consumed me upon earth ; but I forsook not Thy precepts.

Quicken me after Thy lovingkindness ; so shall I keep the testimony of Thy mouth.

For ever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations : Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to Thine ordinances : for all are Thy servants.

Unless Thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

I will never forget Thy precepts : for with them Thou hast quickened me.

I am Thine, save me : for I have sought Thy precepts.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me : but I will consider Thy testimonies.

I have seen an end of all perfection : but Thy commandment is exceeding broad.

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*Songs of Praise.*

*Psalm vii.* I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness : and will sing praises to the Name of the Lord most high.

*Psalm viii.* O Lord our Lord, how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth ! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider the heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained ;

What is man, that Thou art mindful of him ? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him ?

For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands ; Thou hast put all things under his feet :

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field ;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth !

*Psalm ix.* I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart ; I will shew forth all Thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in Thee : I will sing praise to Thy Name, O Thou most High.

Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion : declare among the people His doings.

*Psalm lxxi.* Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise and with Thy honour all the day long.

I will hope continually, and will yet praise Thee more and more.

My mouth shall shew forth Thy righteousness and Thy salvation all the day ; for I know not the numbers thereof.

O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth : and hitherto have I declared Thy wondrous works.

Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things : O God, who is like unto Thee ?

*Psalm ciii.* Bless the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me, bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits :

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities ; who healeth all thy diseases ;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction ; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies ;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things ; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide : neither will He keep His anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins ; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame ; He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass : as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ; and the place thereof shall know it no more.



But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children ;

To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens ; and His kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts ; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion : bless the Lord, O my soul.

*Psalm civ.* Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, Thou art very great : Thou art clothed with honour and majesty :

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment ; who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain :

Who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters : who maketh the clouds His chariot : who walketh upon the wings of the wind :

Who maketh His angels spirits ; His ministers a flaming fire :

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coverest it with the deep as with a garment : the waters stood above the mountains.

At Thy rebuke they fled ; at the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away.

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works ! in wisdom hast Thou made them all : the earth is full of Thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships : there is that leviathan, whom Thou hast made to play therein.

These wait all upon Thee ; that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That Thou givest them they gather : Thou openest Thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest Thy face, they are troubled : Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth Thy spirit, they are created : and Thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever : the Lord shall rejoice in His works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth : He toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live : I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of Him shall be sweet : I will be glad in the Lord.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.

*Psalm* cv. O give thanks unto the Lord ; call upon His Name : make known His deeds among the people.

Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him : talk ye of all His wondrous works.

Glory ye in His Holy Name : let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord, and His strength : seek His face evermore.

*Psalm* cvi. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord ? who can shew forth all His praise ?

Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

*Psalm* cvii. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good : for His mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy ;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men !

For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters ;

These see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.

For He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.

*Psalm cviii.* O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.

For Thy mercy is great above the heavens: and Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth;

That Thy beloved may be delivered: save with Thy right hand, and answer me.

*Psalm cxi.* Praise ye the Lord. I will praise

the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honourable and glorious : and His righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered : the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He sent redemption unto His people : He hath commanded His covenant for ever : holy and reverend is His name.

His praise endureth for ever.

*Psalm cxiii.* Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's Name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

Who humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth !

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust ; He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord.

*Psalm cxxxix.* I will praise Thee ; for I am

fearfully and wonderfully made : marvellous are Thy works ; and that my soul knoweth right well.

How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God ! how great is the sum of them !

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand : when I awake, I am still with Thee.

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*Exulting in the Lord with Thanksgiving.*

*Psalm v.* Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice : let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them : let them also that love Thy Name be joyful in Thee.

For Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous ; with favour wilt Thou compass him as with a shield.

*Psalm xvii.* As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness : I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

*Psalm xviii.* The Lord liveth ; and blessed be my rock ; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

*Psalm xxvii.* The Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom shall I fear ? the Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom shall I be afraid ?

42 EXULTING IN THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING.

*Psalm xxx.* Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

For His anger endureth but a moment; in His favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

*Psalm xxxi.* Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee; which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men!

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of Thy presence from the pride of man: Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the Lord, for He hath shewed me His marvellous kindness in a strong city.

O love the Lord, all ye His saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

*Psalm xxxvi.* Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; Thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, Thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is Thy lovingkindness, O God!

therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house ; and Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures.

For with Thee is the fountain of life : in Thy light shall we see light.

O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know Thee ; and Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

*Psalm xl.* Many, O Lord my God, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done, and Thy thoughts which are to us-ward : they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee : if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee : let such as love Thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

But I am poor and needy ; yet the Lord thinketh upon me : Thou art my help and my deliverer ; make no tarrying, O my God.

*Psalm xli.* Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

*Psalm xlvii.* O clap your hands, all ye people ; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.



44 EXULTING IN THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING.

For the Lord most high is terrible ; He is a great King over all the earth.

Sing praises to God, sing praises : sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

*Psalm lvii.* Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens ; let Thy glory be above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed : I will sing and give praise.

Awake up, my glory ; awake, psaltery and harp : I myself will awake early.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people : I will sing unto Thee among the nations.

For Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and Thy truth unto the clouds.

Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens : let Thy glory be above all the earth.

*Psalm lix.* Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing : for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

*Psalm lxvi.* Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands :

Sing forth the honour of His Name : make His praise glorious.

Say unto God, How terrible art Thou in Thy

works! through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies subinit themselves unto Thee.

All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing unto Thee; they shall sing to Thy Name.

Come and see the works of God: He is terrible in His doing toward the children of men.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul.

I cried unto Him with my mouth, and He was extolled with my tongue.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me.

*Psalm lxxviii.* Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord;

To Him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, He doth send out His voice, and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye strength unto God, His excellency is over Israel, and His strength is in the clouds.

O God, thou art terrible out of Thy holy places: the God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people. Blessed be God.

*Psalm lxxi.* I will also praise Thee with the psaltery, even Thy truth, O my God: unto Thee will I sing with the harp, O Thou Holy One of Israel.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee; and my soul, which Thou hast redeemed.

46 EXULTING IN THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING.

My tongue also shall talk of Thy righteousness all the day long.

*Psalm lxxxvi.* All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy Name.

For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone.

*Psalm lxxxix.* And the heavens shall praise Thy wonders, O Lord: Thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto Thee? or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them.

The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound : they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.

In Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day : and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

For Thou art the glory of their strength : and in Thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

For the Lord is our defence ; and the Holy One of Israel is our King.

*Psalm xcii.* It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O most High :

To shew forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

O Lord, how great are Thy works ! and Thy thoughts are very deep.

*Psalm xciii.* The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty ; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself : the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old : Thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice ; the floods lift up their waves.

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, for ever.

*Psalm xcvi.* O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; shew forth His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people.

For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

*Psalm xcvii.* The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne.

A fire goeth before Him, and burneth up His enemies round about.

His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people see His glory.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: He preserveth the souls of His saints; He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

*Psalm xcvi.* O sing unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvellous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory.

The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

*Psalm xcix.* The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble: He sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

*Psalm c.* Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

*Psalm cxvii.* O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people.

For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

*Psalm cxxxv.* Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Name of the Lord; praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord.

50 EXULTING IN THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING.

Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God,

Praise the Lord ; for the Lord is good : sing praises unto His Name ; for it is pleasant.

For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

*Psalm cxlv.* I will extol Thee, my God, O King ; and I will bless Thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless Thee ; and I will praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised ; and His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts : and I will declare Thy greatness.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion ; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all : and His tender mercies are over all His works.

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord ; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom,  
and talk of Thy power ;

To make known to the sons of men His  
mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His  
kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and  
Thy dominion endureth throughout all genera-  
tions.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord :  
and let all flesh bless His holy Name for ever and  
ever.

*Psalm cxlvii.* Praise ye the Lord : for it is  
good to sing praises unto our God ; for it is plea-  
sant ; and praise is comely.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem : He  
gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth  
up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars ; He calleth  
them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power : His  
understanding is infinite.

The Lord lifteth up the meek : He casteth the  
wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving ; sing  
praises upon the harp unto our God :

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who  
prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to  
grow upon the mountains.



52 EXULTING IN THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING.

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

*Psalm cxlvi.* Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens : praise Him in the heights.

Praise ye Him, all His angels : praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, sun and moon : praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for He commanded, and they were created.

He hath also stablished them for ever and ever : He hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps :

Fire, and hail ; snow, and vapours ; stormy wind fulfilling His word :

Mountains, and all hills ; fruitful trees, and all cedars :

Beasts, and all cattle ; creeping things, and flying fowl :

Kings of the earth, and all people ; princes, and all judges of the earth :

Both young men, and maidens ; old men, and children :

Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for His Name alone is excellent ; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

He also exalteth the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints ; even of the people of Israel, a people near unto Him. Praise ye the Lord.

*Psalm cxlix.* The Lord taketh pleasure in His people : He will beautify the meek with salvation.

Let the saints be joyful in glory : let them sing aloud upon their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth. Praise ye the Lord.

*Psalm cl.* Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary : praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him for His mighty acts : praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet : praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance : praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise Him upon the loud cymbals : praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

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### *Confidence and Trust in God.*

*Psalm iii.* Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me ; my glory, and the lifter up of my head.

I laid me down and slept ; I awaked ; for the Lord sustained me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that have set themselves against me round about.

Salvation belongeth unto the Lord : Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

*Psalm iv.* Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep : for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

*Psalm vii.* O Lord my God, in Thee do I put my trust : save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me.

My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

*Psalm ix.* And they that know Thy Name will put their trust in Thee : for Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.

*Psalm xi.* In the Lord put I my trust : how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain ?

*Psalm xvi.* Preserve me, O God : for in Thee do I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord.

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance  
and of my cup : Thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant  
places ; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me  
counsel : my reins also instruct me in the night  
seasons.

I have set the Lord always before me : because  
He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory re-  
joiceth : my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life : in Thy  
presence is fulness of joy ; at Thy right hand there  
are pleasures for evermore.

*Psalm xviii.* I will love Thee, O Lord, my  
strength.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my  
deliverer ; my God, my strength, in whom I will  
trust ; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation,  
and my high tower.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to  
be praised : so shall I be saved from mine ene-  
mies.

*Psalm xxiii.* The Lord is my Shepherd ; I  
shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures :  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul : He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for Thou art with me ; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

*Psalm xxv.* Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in Thee ; let me not be ashamed.

Good and upright is the Lord : therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

O keep my soul, and deliver me : let me not be ashamed ; for I put my trust in Thee.

*Psalm xxvii.* Wait on the Lord : be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart : wait, I say, on the Lord.

*Psalm xxxi.* In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust ; let me never be ashamed : deliver me in Thy righteousness.

For Thou art my rock and my fortress ; therefore for Thy Name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee ; which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men !

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of Thy presence from the pride of man : Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the Lord, for He hath shewed me marvellous kindness in a strong city.

O love the Lord, all ye His saints : for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

*Psalm xxxii.* Thou art my hiding place ; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble ; Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

*Psalm lvi.* What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.

In God I will praise His word, in God I have put my trust ; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Thou tellest my wanderings : put Thou my tears into Thy bottle : are they not in Thy book ?

Thy vows are upon me, O God : I will render praises unto Thee.

For Thou hast delivered my soul from death.

*Psalm lvii.* Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me : for my soul trusteth in Thee : yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God most high ; unto God that performeth all things for me.

*Psalm lxi.* Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in Thy tabernacle for ever : I will trust in the covert of Thy wings.

*Psalm lxii.* Truly my soul waiteth upon God : from Him cometh my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation ; He is my defence ; I shall not be greatly moved.

My soul, wait thou only upon God ; for my expectation is from Him.

He only is my rock and my salvation : He is my defence ; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory : the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in Him at all times ; pour out your heart before Him : God is a refuge for us.

*Psalm lxiii.* Because Thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.

Thy right hand upholdeth me.

*Psalm lxxv.* Iniquities prevail against me : as for our transgressions, Thou shalt purge them away.

*Psalm lxxi.* For Thou art my hope, O Lord God : Thou art my trust from my youth.

By Thee have I been holden up from the womb : Thou art He that took me out of my mother's bowels : my praise shall be continually of Thee.

I am as a wonder unto many ; but Thou art *my strong refuge.*

Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

*Psalm lxxiii.* Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

*Psalm lxxxiv.* For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

*Psalm lxxxvi.* For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto Thy works.

*Psalm xci.* He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.



I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress : my God ; in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust : His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night ; nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness ; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand ; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation :

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

*Psalm cxl.* I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto Thy Name : the upright shall dwell in Thy presence.

*Psalm cxli.* Mine eyes are unto Thee, O God the Lord : in Thee is my trust : leave not my soul destitute.

*Proverbs*, iii. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

*Proverbs*, xxiv. If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked.

For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

*Proverbs*, xxi. The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord.

*Proverbs*, xxx. Every word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him.

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### *Holy Resolutions.*

*Psalms* v. As for me, I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy: and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

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I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:

I hate the work of them that turn aside ; it shall not cleave to me.

*Psalm cxix.* O that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes !

Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned Thy righteous judgments.

I will keep Thy statutes : O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way ? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought Thee : O let me not wander from Thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

I will meditate in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways.

I will delight myself in Thy statutes : I will not forget Thy word.

I will speak of Thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

And I will delight myself in Thy commandments, which I have loved.

I have said that I would keep Thy words.

The proud have forged a lie against me : but I will keep Thy precepts with my whole heart.

Thy law is my delight.  
I will meditate in thy precepts.

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*Breathings after God.*

*Psalm cxix.* O how love I Thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Mine eyes fail for Thy salvation, and for the word of Thy righteousness.

*Psalm cxliii.* I stretch forth my hands unto Thee: my soul thirsteth after Thee, as a thirsty land.

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*Comfort in Trouble (to Body or Soul).*

*Psalm ix.* The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

*Psalm cxix.* Remember the word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for Thy word hath quickened me.

I remembered Thy judgments of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself.

Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have remembered Thy Name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept Thy law.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Thy statutes.

The law of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right, and that Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet Thy commandments are my delights.

*Psalm cxxi.* I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

*Psalm cxxx.* Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand ?

But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

*Psalm cxxxviii.* In the day when I cried Thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me.

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me : Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever.

*Psalm cxlii.* I cried unto the Lord with my voice ; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

I poured out my complaint before Him ; I shewed before Him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, I shewed before Him my trouble.

*Psalm cxlv.* The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion ; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all ; and His tender mercies are over all His works.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee; and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him.

*Blessings on considering the Poor.*

*Psalm xli.* Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

*Proverbs, xix.* He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again.

*Proverbs, xxi.* Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

*Proverbs, xxii.* He that oppresses the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.

*Reward to and Blessings on the Righteous.*

*Psalm cvi.* Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

*Psalm cxix.* Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity : they walk in His ways.

*Proverbs, x.* The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish ; but He casteth away the substance of the wicked.

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness : but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

The righteous shall never be removed : but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

*Proverbs, xi.* The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life ; and he that winneth souls is wise.

*Proverbs, xii.* In the way of righteousness is life ; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

*Proverbs, xiii.* A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children : and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.



*Proverbs*, xiv. The wicked is driven away in his wickedness : but the righteous hath hope in his death.

*Proverbs*, xv. The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord : but He loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

The Lord is far from the wicked : but He heareth the prayer of the righteous.

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### *True Wisdom and True Happiness.*

*Proverbs*, xiv. The simple believeth every word : but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

*Proverbs*, xv. A soft answer turneth away wrath : but grievous words stir up anger.

The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright : but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge.

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth : and a word spoken in due season, how good is it !

The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

*Proverbs*, xvi. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

*Proverbs*, xvii. Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.

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*Proverbs*, xxi. Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

*Proverbs*, xxii. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

*Proverbs*, xxiii. Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

*Ecclesiastes*, iv. Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.

*Ecclesiastes*, v. The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

*Ecclesiastes*, xii. Remember now thy Creator

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in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

*Proverbs, xxx.* Remove far from me vanity and lies : give me neither poverty nor riches : feed me with food convenient for me ;

Lest I be full, and deny Thee, and say, Who is the Lord ? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

*Proverbs, x.* The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.

*Proverbs, xi.* Riches profit not in the day of wrath : but righteousness delivereth from death.

He that trusteth in his riches shall fall : but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

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The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord : but He loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

*Proverbs*, xxiii. Who hath woe ? who hath sorrow ? who hath contentions ? who hath babbling ? who hath wounds without cause ? who hath redness of eyes ?

They that tarry long at the wine ; they that go to seek mixed wine.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright :

At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

*Psalms* xv. Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle ? who shall dwell in Thy holy hill ?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

In whose eyes a vile person is condemned ; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

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*Psalm cxix.* O how love I Thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget Thy law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from Thy precepts.

Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I hate vain thoughts: but Thy law do I love.

I hope in Thy word.

Depart from me, ye evil-doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

I love Thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

I hate every false way.

Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not Thy statutes.

They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from Thy law.

*Psalm cxix.* I hate and abhor lying: but Thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise Thee because of Thy righteous judgments.

Great peace have they which love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

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*Diligence and Perseverance.*

*Proverbs*, vi. Go to the ant, thou sluggard ; consider her ways, and be wise :

Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,  
Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard ? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep ?

So shall thy poverty come as one that travel-  
leth, and thy want as an armed man.

*Proverbs*, xiv. In all labour there is profit : but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

*Proverbs*, xix. Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep ; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

*Proverbs*, xx. Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty ; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

*Ecclesiastes*, xi. Cast thy bread upon the waters : for thou shalt find it after many days.

*Ecclesiastes*, ix. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might ; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

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*All good in us from the Lord.*

*Proverbs*, xvi. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord.

*Proverbs*, xx. Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?

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*Truth and Justice.*

*Proverbs*, iii. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart.

*Proverbs*, iv. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

*Proverbs*, xi. A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is His delight.

*Proverbs*, xxi. To do justice and judgment is *more acceptable* to the Lord than sacrifice.

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*Resignation.*

*Proverbs*, iii. My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord ; neither be weary of His correction :

For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

*Proverbs*, xv. Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

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*True Friendship.*

*Proverbs*, xvii. A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

*Proverbs*, xviii. A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly ; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

*Proverbs*, xxiii. Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats :

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee ; but his heart is not with thee.

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*Relative Duties.*

*Proverbs*, xiii. He that spareth his rod hateth his son : but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

*Proverbs*, xix. Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

*Proverbs*, xxii. Train up a child in the way he should go : and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

*Proverbs*, xii. A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband : but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

*Proverbs*, i. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother, for they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

*Proverbs*, xv. A fool despiseth his father's instruction : but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

*Proverbs*, xxx. The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

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*Good Old Age.*

*Proverbs*, xvi. The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

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*Death Universal.*

*Ecclesiastes*, iii. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

*Ecclesiastes*, v. As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

*Ecclesiastes*, xii. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

*Psalms* xc. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withereth.

For we are consumed by Thine anger, and by  
Thy wrath are we troubled.

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*Coming of our Lord.*

*Psalm* 1. Our God shall come, and shall not  
keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and  
it shall be very tempestuous round about Him.

He shall call to the heavens from above, and  
to the earth, that He may judge His people.

Gather My saints together unto Me; those  
that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.

And the heavens shall declare His righteous-  
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